

Message Text

PAGE 01 TAIPEI 02617 130719Z

51

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
----- 111552

R 130647Z MAY 75
FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5156

C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 2617

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF, VS, TW
SUBJECT: FORMER PRESIDENT'S THIEU'S ENTOURAGE

REF: STATE 109402

1. WE APPRECIATE THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED REFTEL, BUT BEFORE REISSUING PAROLE LETTERS WE NEED CLARIFICATION OF A NUMBER OF PROCEDURAL POINTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED BY INDIVIDUALS IN THIEU'S ENTOURAGE OR ARE QUESTION WHICH OCCUR TO US:

A. PARA 2 REFTEL STATES THAT A COPY OF REFTEL SHOULD BE PLACE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE CARRIED BY EACH FAMILY FOR PRESENTATION TO PORT OF ENTRY OFFICIALS. WE ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT WISH US TO PROVIDE THE FULL TEXT OF REFTEL, ESPECIALLY PARA 5. THEREFORE, UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTION, WE PLAN TO PREPARED A SANITIZED VERSION OF REFTEL WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE CABLE NUMBER, SUBJECT HEADING, AND THE TEXTS OF PARAS 1 AND 2 ONLY.

B. CAN PAROLE LETTERS BE USED FOR TRAVEL TO ANY US PORT OF ENTRY OR MUST PAROLEES ENTER THE US THROUGH GUAM? IF THROUGH GUAM ONLY, SHOULD WE ENCOURAGE PAROLEES TO DELAY TRAVEL UNTIL BULK OF REFUGEES ALREADY IN GUAM HAS BEEN PROCESSED? IF THROUGH OTHER PORTS OF ENTRY, WILL PAROLEES STILL HAVE TO BE PROCESSED THROUGH REFUGEE CAMPS IN THE US?

C. UNLIKE MOST REFUGEES, SOME OF THIEU'S PARTY MAY NOT WISH TO TRAVEL IMMEDIATELY TO THE US. ACCORDINGLY, IS THERE ANY LIMIT TO THE LENGTH OF VALIDITY OF THE PAROLE LETTERS?

D. WITH REGARD TO THIEU'S AND KHIEM'S ADOPTED CHILDREN,
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TAIPEI 02617 130719Z

BOTH OF WHOM HAVE BEEN WITH FAMILIES SINCE INFANCY, WE ASSUME THAT IN ABSENCE OF OTHER DOCUMENTATION, AFFIDAVITS FROM KHIEM AND THIEU WITH REGARD TO THE ADOPTIVE STATUS OF THESE CHILDREN WOULD BE SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION TO PERMIT

THEM TO BE INCLUDED IN PAROLE LETTERS.

2. UNDER PRESENT GUIDANCE KHIEM'S BLIND DEPENDENT 90-YEAR OLD MOTHER AND HIS WIFE'S DEPENDENT 85-YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN PAROLE LETTER. IS THERE ANY WAY THE DEPARTMENT CAN STRETCH THE AUTHORITY GIVEN TO US TO INCLUDE THESE TWO AGED DEPENDENTS? IF NOT, ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO EMBASSY TAIPEI'S ISSUING THEM NONPREFERENCE IMMIGRANT VISAS IF KHIEM PROVIDES AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT AND IF NONPREFERENCE NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE.

3. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH RVN EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THIEU'S ENTOURAGE, A FREQUENTLY RAISED QUESTION IS WHEHTER US WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR VARIOUS GROUPS IN THIEU'S ENTOURAGE TO GUAM AND US. WHILE WE HAVE NOTED THEIR REQUEST, WE HAVE REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT THAT IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT USG WOULD AGREE TO FOOT THE BILL FOR THEIR TRANSPORATION TO GUAM OR ELSEWHERE. IF THEY ARE ABLE TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY TO GUAM AND JOIN THE MAINSTREAM OF REFUGEES TO THE US, WOULD THE USG PAY FOR THEIR ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO THE US?

4. ONE MEMBER OF THE GROUP HOLDING PAROLE LETTERS, DANG VAN CHAU, IS ALSO SEEKING DOCUMENTATION FOR HIS CLAIM TO FIFTH PREFERENCE IMMIGRANT STATUS, WE HAVE ENCOURAGED CHAU TO DO SO AND WOULD ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT WOULD RATHER HAVE HIM PROCESSED AS AN IMMIGRANT THAT A PAROLEE IF POSSIBLE.

5. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT THIEU REPORTEDLY WISHES TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE US UNTIL THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IS MORE FAVORABLE, HE HOPES THAT HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER CAN PRECEDE HIM TO THE US TO JOIN THEIR DAUGHTER IN PITTSBURGH, PROBABLY IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. CAN WE ISSUE A SEPARATE PAROLE DOCUMENT FOR MRS. THIEU AND HER DAUGHTER OR MUST THEY TRAVEL WITH THIEU?

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THE ABOVE POINTS SOONEST.
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 TAIPEI 02617 130719Z

POPPL

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 26 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, PAROLE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: woolflhd
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975TAIPEI02617
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D750167-0910
From: TAIPEI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t197505100/baaaadro.tel
Line Count: 99
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: woolflhd
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 JUL 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <23 DEC 2003 by woolflhd>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: n/a
TAGS: SREF, VS, TW, (NGUYEN VAN THIEU)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006